

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 23, 2003, Figure 1 was objected to as not including descriptive labels for the elements shown and claims 1-5 and 7-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moriya (U.S. Patent No. 6,085,219) and Tanaka (U.S. Patent No. 6,473,796). The foregoing objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

In response to the Office Action, Figure 1 and claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, and 32 are amended. Claims 1-5 and 7-35 are pending and under consideration.

Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

A Replacement Figure 1 is included herewith. In the Replacement Figure 1, descriptive labels are included for elements 1 (reference terminal (client)), 2 (searching system), 4A (information providing server), 4E (information providing server), and 100 (Internet), as disclosed on Page 10, lines 19-27, of the present specification.

Withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Moriya discusses creating and displaying home pages. More particularly, Moriya discussed creating a home page based on a user's preference data applied to a predetermined template.

The Examiner admits, however, that Moriya does not disclose providing an index image to be included in a searched result.

Tanaka discusses an image processing system in a client/server environment for client authorization controlled-based viewing of image sensed conditions from a camera. More particularly, Tanaka discusses reducing traffic on a network by transmitting state information only when an event indicative of a change in an angle of a camera occurs.

The Examiner relies upon Tanaka as discussing searching, receiving, and transmitting index images via a camera controlled server that transmits image data via an image input unit to a client of a network. Specifically, the Examiner relies upon Figure 1 and col. 3 at lines 20-34 as discussing same.

Tanaka, in col. 3 at lines 20-34, discusses displaying an image which was acquired by a camera through a camera server.

However, in contrast to the foregoing references relied upon, the index image of present invention displays a latest state of a first screen of the home page. This feature of the present invention is disclosed on page 15 of the present application.

Therefore, each of independent claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, and 32 are amended to recite (using the recitation of claim 1 as an example) "wherein the index image displays a latest state of the first screen of the home page".

Dependent claims 2, 3, 8, 10, 12-14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, and 33-35 recite patentably distinguishing features of their own. For example, claim 3/1 recites "wherein the storing section stores the display file related to the display control file, and wherein the index image displays the home page displayed on the basis of the display control file and the display file by the single picture".

None of the foregoing references relied upon, either alone or in combination, discusses or suggests the foregoing features of the present invention.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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